## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

	1. An apparatus, comprising:
2	a membrane;
3	a button structure disposed on one surface of the membrane; and
ļ	a nib corresponding to the button structure and disposed on another surface
5	of the membrane, wherein the apparatus is configured to be operatively coupled to a
5	touchscreen display so that when a user applies a force to the button structure the nib
7	contacts the touchscreen display so as to activate a virtual button being displayed by the
3	touchscreen display.
l 2	2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the membrane comprises a flexible and resilient material.
2	nexible and resilient material.
l	3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the button structure comprises a
2	translucent portion.
l 2	4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the membrane comprises a fiber optic plate.
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1	5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the button structure comprises a
2	haptic structure.

1 6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the button structure is one of a 2 plurality of button structures disposed on the membrane, wherein the plurality of button 3 structures implement a QWERTY keyboard. 7. 1 The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a lighting device to 2 selectively illuminate the button structure. 8. 1 The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a device to change a 2 direction of a beam directed onto the device. 9. 1 The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the membrane is sized to be press 2 fitted into a recessed portion of a mobile electronic device, wherein the membrane is 3 disposed within the recess to position the nib in propinguity with the touchscreen display. 10. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a sleeve to contain a 1 2 mobile electronic device that includes the touchscreen display, wherein the sleeve is to 3 position the nib in propinquity with the touchscreen display. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the button structure and nib are 1 11. 2 slidably fitted to a slot in the membrane. 12. An apparatus to be operatively coupled to a touchscreen display for 1 2 operating a virtual button displayed by the touchscreen display, the apparatus comprising:

a membrane; and

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- tactile means, coupled to the membrane, for selectively contacting a touchscreen display at a desired location in response to a force exerted on the tactile means by a user.
- 1 13. The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the membrane comprises a flexible and resilient material.
- 1 14. The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the tactile means comprises a translucent portion.
- 1 15. The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the membrane comprises a fiber 2 optic plate.
- 1 16. The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the tactile means comprises a 2 haptic structure.
- 1 17. The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the tactile means comprises a plurality of button structures disposed on the membrane, wherein the plurality of button structures implement a QWERTY keyboard.
- 1 18. The apparatus of claim 12 further comprising a lighting device to 2 selectively illuminate a portion of the apparatus.
- 1 19. The apparatus of claim 12 further comprising a device to change a 2 direction of a beam directed onto the device.

20. The apparatus of claim 12 the membrane is sized to be press fitted into a recessed portion of a mobile electronic device, wherein the membrane is disposed within the recess to position a portion of the tactile means in propinquity with the touchscreen display.

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- 1 21. The apparatus of claim 12 further comprising a sleeve to contain a 2 mobile electronic device that includes the touchscreen display, wherein the sleeve is to 3 position a portion of the tactile means in propinquity with the touchscreen display.
- 1 22. The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the tactile means further 2 comprises a means for slidably contacting the touchscreen display.